

October 10—Pentecost XX—Luke 17:19

Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

Compline—2 Kings 5:15: Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.

October 17—Pentecost XXI—Luke 18:7f.

Will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.

Compline—Genesis 32:30: I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.

October 24—Pentecost XXII—Luke 18:14

This man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Compline—Jeremiah 14:9: You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God.

October 31—Reformation Day—John 8:36

If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Compline—Jeremiah 31:33f.: I will be their God, and they shall be my people... for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

November 1—All Saints' Day—Luke 6:23

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven.

Compline—Daniel 7:18: The holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.

November 2–6—Week of Pentecost XXIII—Luke 19:10

The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.

Compline—Isaiah 1:18: Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow.

November 7—Pentecost XXIV—Luke 20:38

Now the Lord is God not of the dead, but of the living.

Compline—Job 19:25f.: For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth... then in my flesh I shall see God.

November 14—Pentecost XXV—Luke 21:19

By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Compline—Malachi 4:2: For you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

November 21—Christ the King—Luke 23:42f.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. —Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Compline—Jeremiah 23:5f.: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch... And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Brief Lessons follow the Revised Common Lectionary (1992). The lessons suggested for Compline may be used on the eve and the day. The verses from the Gospels may also be used as antiphons for the Benedictus and the Magnificat; on Sundays and festivals an Alleluia may be added to the antiphon. The ordering of the Psalms follows The Daily Prayer of the Church, edited by Philip H. Pfatteicher (2005).

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BRIEF LESSONS

for Prayers during the Day and at the Close of the Day

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST 2010 (YEAR C)

Verses of Psalm 119 for Prayers at Mid-morning, Noon, and Mid-afternoon

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1–8	25–32	49–56	81–88	105–112	129–136	153–160
9–16	33–40	57–64	89–96	113–120	137–144	161–168
17–24	41–48	65–72	97–104	121–128	145–152	169–176
Psalms for Prayer at the Close of the Day— <i>Compline</i>						
136	91	33	31	34	86	4 & 134

May 30—The Holy Trinity / Pentecost I—John 16:13

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears.

Compline—Proverbs 8:22: The Lord created wisdom at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

June 6—Pentecost II—Luke 7:16

A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on his people!

Compline—1 Kings 17:24: Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.

June 13—Pentecost III—Luke 7:48 & 50

Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

Compline—2 Samuel 12:13: I have sinned against the Lord. —Now the Lord has put away your sin.

June 20—Pentecost IV—Luke 8:39

Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.

Compline—Isaiah 65:1: I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me—says the Lord.

June 24—The Nativity of St. John the Baptist—Luke 1:77f.

Give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins, in the tender compassion of our God.

Compline—Malachi 3:1: The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

June 27—Pentecost V—Luke 9:62

Follow me. No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.

Compline—1 Kings 19:21: Then Elisha set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

June 29—St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles—John 21:15ff., 19

Do you love me? Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep. Follow me.

Compline—Acts 12:11: Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me.

July 4—Pentecost VI—Luke 10:20

Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Compline—Isaiah 66:14: Your heart shall rejoice...and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants.

July 11—Pentecost VII—Luke 10:36f.

Who was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?

—The one who showed him mercy. —Go and do likewise.

Compline—Deuteronomy 30:14: The word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

July 18—Pentecost VIII—Luke 10:39, 42

Mary, who listened to what the Lord was saying, has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

Compline—Genesis 18:3: My Lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

July 25—Pentecost IX—Luke 11:13

If you, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

Compline—Genesis 18:25: Far be it from you to slay the righteous with the wicked... Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?

August 1—Pentecost X—Luke 12:15, 21

Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions... So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

Compline—Ecclesiastes 1:13f: I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven... and see, all is vanity!

August 6—The Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:35

This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!

Compline—Exodus 34:34f.: Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off...and when he came out... the Israelites would see that his face was shining, and he would put the veil on again.

August 8—Pentecost XI—Luke 12:32

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Compline—Genesis 15:6: Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

August 15—St. Mary, the Mother of Our Lord—Luke 1:46f.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Compline—Isaiah 61:10: I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God.

August 16–21—Week of Pentecost XII—Luke 12:50

I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Compline—Jeremiah 23:28: Let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully.

August 22—Pentecost XIII—Luke 13:16

Ought not this woman, whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?

Compline—Isaiah 58:13f.: If you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable... then you shall take delight in the Lord.

August 29—Pentecost XIV—Luke 14:11

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Compline—Proverbs 25:7: It is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

September 5—Pentecost XV—Luke 14:27

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Compline—Deuteronomy 30:19f.: Choose life... loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you.

September 12—Pentecost XVI—Luke 15:10

There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Compline—Exodus 32:12: Turn from your fierce wrath, oh Lord; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

September 14—Holy Cross Day—John 3:14f.

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Compline—Numbers 21:9: Whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

September 19—Pentecost XVII—Luke 16:13

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Compline—Amos 8:4 & 7: Hear this, you that trample on the needy... surely the Lord will never forget any of their deeds.

September 26—Pentecost XVIII—Luke 16:31

If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Compline—Amos 6:1 & 6: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion... but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph.

September 29—St. Michael and All Angels—Luke 10:20

Do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

Compline—Daniel 12:3: Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

October 3—Pentecost XIX—Luke 17:10

When you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done."

Compline—Habakkuk 2:4: Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.